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Title : EXPANDED POROUS THERMOPLASTIC POLYMER MEMBRANES
AND DEVICE FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Kindly amend the above-identified application as noted below.

In the Specification

At page 1, line 1, delete "AND METHOD" from the title.

At page 1 line 3, insert the following: "This is a divisional of Application Serial No.

09/642,390 filed August 18, 2000. The priority of PCT/EP 99/00286 filed January 19, 1999 and
DE 198 03 362 1 filed January 29, 1998 is claimed pursuant to USC 35 §§120 and 365(b),
respectively."